

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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a center, remote from a vehicle, that receives a reporting signal and sends an alert signal to said vehicle in response to said reporting signal and reports a theft of said vehicle to authorities in response to said alert signal; and

a control circuit, mounted on said vehicle, for inhibiting an engine of said vehicle from restarting in response to reception of said alert signal.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been examined. Claims 1, 4, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claims 2, 3, and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Objection to claim 4

The Examiner has objected to claim 4 because it contains a minor typographical error. The Applicants have amended these claims to make the changes suggested by the Examiner. The changes are merely for precision of claim language and do not narrow the claims and therefore are not subject to *Festo* estoppel.

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**II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,805,057 to Eslaminovin
("Eslaminovin")**

Claims 1, 4, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Eslaminovin.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 comprises an anti-theft service center that (1) sends a theft signal to a stolen vehicle in response to a reporting and (2) reports theft of the stolen vehicle to authorities. On the other hand, Eslaminovin does not suggest the features above.

For example, Eslaminovin teaches reporting the theft of the vehicle to the service center 14 so that it can send a theft signal to the stolen vehicle 10. However, the anti-theft service center 14 does not report the theft of the stolen vehicle to authorities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the reference.

B. Claims 4 and 6

Since claims 4 and 6 depend upon claim 1, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

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III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Eslaminovin in view of U.S. Patent 5,623,245 to Gilmore (“Gilmore”)

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eslaminovin in view of Gilmore. Since claims 2 and 3 depend upon claim 1 and since Gilmore does not cure the deficient teaching of Eslaminovin with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claims 2 and 3 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

IV. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Eslaminovin in view of U.S. Patent 6,046,687 to Janky (“Janky”)

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eslaminovin in view of Janky. Since claim 5 depends upon claim 1 and since Janky does not cure the deficient teaching of Eslaminovin with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 5 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

V. Newly added claims.

In order to provide more varied protection, Applicants are adding new claims 7-17 and respectfully submit that claims 7-17 do not raise new matter and are fully supported by the specification.

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VI. Other Cited References.

The Examiner cites an additional reference that has not been applied in any rejection.

Applicants submit that this reference is no more relevant than the references actually applied in the prior art rejection.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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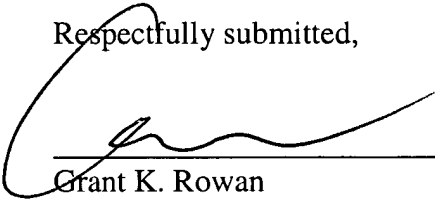
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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Once Amended) An anti-theft system for vehicles, comprising:
vehicle-theft reporting means for reporting that a vehicle has been stolen;
an anti-theft service center for sending a theft signal to said stolen vehicle in response to
said reporting and reporting theft of said stolen vehicle to authorities; and
an anti-theft apparatus, mounted on said vehicle, for inhibiting an engine of said vehicle
from restarting in response to reception of said theft signal.

4. (Once Amended) The anti-theft system for vehicles according to claim 1, wherein
said anti-theft apparatus gives an audio-and-visual warning to a driver of said vehicle to stop said
vehicle in response to reception of said theft signal when said vehicle is moving.

Claims 7-17 are added as new claims.